

In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A method of deactivating an allergen, the method comprising:
dispersing into an airspace capable or able to support said allergen an allergen-deactivating amount of a deactivant an-allergen-deactivating compound (hereinafter the “deactivant”) comprising one or more of the following materials:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass.
- 2.(currently amended) A method according to as claimed claim 1, wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace as a vapour over an extended period, by the use of heat.
- 3.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the deactivant is dispersed via a wick dipped into a reservoir of the deactivant.
- 4.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the deactivant is provided as a water-in-oil emulsion containing up to 2% by weight of the deactivant one or more of:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass.

5.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
wherein the deactivant material is incorporated into a candle which is burnt in the
space to be treated.

6.(currently amended) A method according to as claimed in claim 5, wherein the
candle comprises at least 2% by weight of one or more of:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass
the deactivant (wt of deactivant/wt of combustible body of the candle).

7.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 as claimed in any
preceding claim, wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace on two or
more separate periods occasions, separated by period(s) of no deactivant material.

8.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 as claimed in any
preceding claim, wherein the deactivant is one or more as-extracted oils selected
from:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;

frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass a said oil in its as extracted form.

9.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 as claimed in any preceding
claim, and which employs as deactivant two or more of said compounds, wherein
at least two of the said materials said compounds are co-dispersed into the
airspace.

10.(currently amended) A method according to as claimed in claim 9, wherein the
at least two of the said materials are selected from the following pairs of said
materials; and employing one of the following deactivant combinations;
oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;
oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;
a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;
a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.

11.(currently amended) A method Use in deactivating an allergen at a locus of one
or more of the following materials:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass, comprising the step of contacting said allergen with at least
one of said materials.

12.(currently amended) A method of deactivating allergens on a surface located
within an airspace which comprises the step of:

dispersing into said airspace. Use of one or more of the following materials:

a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass

~~dispersed into an airspace in order to deactivate an allergen on a surface which is within that airspaaee.~~

13.(currently amended) An allergen deactivant composition comprising one or more, being one of the following:

a mixture of oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;
a mixture of oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;
a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;
a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.